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SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR STATE VISIT TO US BY PRESIDENT

HOUPHOUET- BOIGNY

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS DECIDED TO INVITE PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET- BOIGNY FOR STATE VISIT IN FALL, 1973.
2. YOU SHOULD REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH HOUPHOUET AND PERSONALLY CONVEY ORAL MESSAGE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: (A) PRESIDENT NIXON EXTENDS INVITATION TO PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET- BOIGNY TO MAKE STATE VISIT TO US IN AUTUMN OF THIS YEAR, 1973; (B) SHOULD PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET- BOIGNY ACCEPT, MORE PRECISE AND, HOPEFULLY, MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATES WOULD BE PROPOSED IN FUTURE COMMUNICATION WITH EMBASSY. MEANWHILE WE SPECIFICALLY REQUEST THAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO INVITATION UNTIL MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME.
3. FYI. TIMING OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF INVITATION IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE VISITS TO WASHINGTON OF
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OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS. END FYI. ROGERS

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